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SUBJECT: QUADRIpartite MEETINGS ON BERLIN AND GERMANY:
ALLIED-GDR RELATIONS

1. AT THE MAY 7 SENIOR LEVEL MEETING, THE US. UK AND
FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES EXCHANGED NOTES ON RECENT EX-
PERIENCES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE GDR.

2. UK REP HIBBERT SAID THAT EARLY LAST WEEK THE GDR
AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN
SECRETARY. HE WAS PUT OFF WITH AN APPOINTMENT WITH
PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY GORONWY-ROBERTS. THE EAST
GERMAN'S PURPOSE WAS TO INFORM THE UK THAT THE GDR HAD
DECIDED TO SETTLE ALL OUTSTANDING FAMILY REUNIFICATION
CASES INVOLVING BRITISH AND EAST GERMAN CITIZENS.
HIBBERT SAID THE BRITISH IMPRESSION WAS THAT THIS
APPROACH WAS TIED TO THE GDR EFFORT TO APPEAR ON GOOD
BEHAVIOR PRIOR TO THE CSCE MEETING IN BELGRADE. HE
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ALSO THOUGHT THE GDR WAS INTENT UPON MAINTAINING SOME
MOMENTUM IN THE DETENTE PROCESS.

3. HARTMAN REPORTED ON GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER'S RECENT
CALL ON HABIB IN WHICH THE EAST GERMAN MADE THE SAME
PITCH TO US ON HUMANITARIAN CASES. HE ALSO MENTIONED
SIEBER'S REQUEST FOR A VANCE/FISCHER MEETING AT THE

FALL UNGA SESSION. HARTMAN TOO THOUGHT THAT THE APPARENT GDR MOVEMENT IN THE HUMANITARIAN FIELD WAS TIED TO THE UPCOMING BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

4. FRENCH REP DE LA BOULAYE REPORTED ON THE VISIT TO PARIS LAST WEEK BY GDR POLITBURO MEMBER AXEN. JUST PRIOR TO THE VISIT, WHICH HAD BEEN AT THE INVITATION OF A FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LED BY COUVEDE MURVILLE, THE EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR MADE THE SAME APPROACH TO THE QUAI ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES. DE LA BOULAYE SAID THAT THE GDR MOVE HAD BEEN APPARENTLY TIMED TO ESTABLISH A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE AXEN VISIT.

5. DE LA BOULAYE SAID THAT AXEN HAD STRESSED TO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING HIS VISIT THE GDR INTEREST IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCE IN MANY FIELDS, E.G., CULTURE, PUBLIC HEALTH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. TOURISM AND SPORTS. HE ALSO INVITED DE GUIRINGAUD TO VISIT THE GDR. THE FRENCH MINISTER SAID HE WOULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT. HE RAISED WITH AXEN THE CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID THAT THE GDR SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS; THE FRENCH WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE GDR POSITION ON A NATIONALITY CLAUSE IN THE CONVENTION. HE ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO COMPLAIN ABOUT RECENT GDR ACTIONS IN BERLIN.

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